

Plan Heavyweight Battle Independence Day---Bombardier Wells Gets First Offer for Bout

BOMBARDIER WELLS IS OFFERED MATCH WITH NEW CHAMPION

Plan for Big Battle at Vernon on Fourth of July.

COLOR LINE DRAWN BY COWBOY ATHLETE

Referee Eytan Saves Palzer From Almost Certain Knock-out.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—Bombardier Wells, the English champion heavyweight, has been offered a match with Luther McCarty, victor over Al Palzer. Promoter Tom McCarty today called an offer to Wells for a battle on the Fourth of July, and expects a reply within a day or so. If the match is made, it will be staged at the Vernon arena, where Palzer went down to defeat yesterday in the eighteenth round, when Referee Charles Eytan stopped the slaughter.

"There is no chance of Luther going up against either Sam Langford or Joe Jeannette. We have drawn the color line for months," said Manager Billy McCarty, the new champion's guide and instructor, today. Colored boxers may as well quit challenging, for I shall pay no attention to them.

"Bombardier Wells will be given first chance at my man to clear up any talk that England has to worry the champion," then the winner of the Willard-Dale bout will be met. By that time I may be willing to have a climb with a ring again with Mac. He certainly deserves another bout, if only because of his gameness in the face of certain defeat."

Tribute to Palzer.

McCarty paid a handsome tribute to Palzer today when he said: "I met a gamer man in my life. He took a great deal more punishment than Flynn did, but he kept coming at me all the time. He didn't flinch once. He can have another crack at me when I have finished with the rest of the bunch."

"McCarty was better than I expected," said Palzer today, through his bandages. "But I want another chance and I think I deserve it. I was beaten fairly and squarely, though, and I'm not 'squealing'."

The victor has a slight cut under his right eye, the only mark of his experience of yesterday. Palzer, who left the ring covered with blood, has two badly bruised eyes, a cut on one ear and several bruises on his face, showing the deadly effect of McCarty's left-hand jab and Johnnie Johnson's right hand.

Victory Is Easy.

McCarty's defeat of Palzer for the white heavyweight championship was surprisingly easy. The Englishman appeared the better ring general, eluding his opponent's wild rushes in the opening rounds and planting telling blows where they counted most. Palzer was wholly unable to reach the cowboy, despite his longer reach. McCarty's footwork was so good that he kept Palzer misjudging his distance.

From the tenth round to the eighteenth Palzer was chopping blows for the cowboy's stiff left jab and jolts. O'Rourke's man continued to stumble along, but he was unable to land one of his terrific right swings on the mark. The best he could do was to lay his right hand on the side of the heart. Meanwhile, Mac was tearing Palzer's face to ribbons.

The fifteen-year-old boy, who was up from their hard work, but Palzer was dazed at the end from the grinding punishment. The sixteenth saw him stagger around the ring, unable to do anything except stop hard swings with his hands. Blood streamed from many small cuts on his face.

End Is Pathetic.

The Iowa farmer came up groggy in the seventeenth. McCarty had been begging Referee Eytan to end the slaughter for five rounds, even calling on Tom O'Rourke to toss up the sponge for his beaten champion. But the mill went on until now Palzer was helpless. A short uppercut nearly finished him and he hung on like a drowning man. The bell saw him staggering to his feet.

Then came the end. It was pathetic. As he came out of his corner, Palzer stumbled to the right, his head hook. It was that same left hand that had been tearing him to tatters from the beginning. The blow landed on the jaw further discommodated the beaten boxer and a tattoo of rights and lefts to the body indicated the insupportable task before him.

Fearing the next hard blow he would be knocked out, Palzer reached in and raised McCarty's right glove in token of his victory. The winner had a slight cut under his right eye, the sole mark of his battle. Palzer was a sight, his face covered literally with blood from the many cuts inflicted by his opponent's jabs and swings.

Reds Will Boil Out Before Going South

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Four days of boiling out will be on the program for the Cincinnati Reds next spring before they go South for the real grinding work at Mobile, Ala. The Reds are to be chosen by Manager Tinker for the temporary sojourn and he will see that every athlete drinks plenty of water. The squad will leave West Baden March 3, arriving at Mobile the following day.

The Reds will remain at Mobile about eighteen days and then will come to the exhibition frame. Nine players living in the South and West will report direct at Mobile, cutting out the West Baden boiling out process.

Following is the spring schedule of the Reds:

March 7 and 8—Reds vs. Detroit Tigers at Mobile.

March 10 and 11—Reds vs. Mobile Grays at Mobile.

March 12—Reds at Meriden, Miss.

March 14, 15, and 16—Reds at Birmingham.

March 17, 18, and 19—Reds at Chattanooga.

March 20—Reds vs. Washington at Redland Field.

March 21—Reds at Louisville.

April 1 and 2—Reds vs. Louisville at Redland Field.

April 3—Reds at Dayton.

April 4, 5, and 6—Reds vs. Champion Boston American at Redland Field.

April 7 and 8—Reds vs. Detroit at Redland Field.

He Is Only Trying to Break Even on the Sleep Lost New Year Eve



THREE PLAYERS TO FIGHT FOR POSITION ON WHITE SOX CLUB

Berger, Weaver, and Johnson to Scrap for Shortstop Job With Cal.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—There will be a scramble next spring among three athletes to determine which one will be the regular shortstop of the White Sox. This was the most impressive bit of gossip we heard on the baseball beat today.

Jimmy Callahan, the South side manager, announced officially that Joe Berger had signed a contract. Joe is an aspirant to the job that was filled by Buck Weaver most of last season. Weaver is after the place again, and the third competitor is Ernie Johnson, who filled in at the position for a while last year. They are all young men and ambitious. One of the old-timers thinks Johnson the best infielder of the trio. Berger the best hitter and Weaver the best all-around man. If the strong points of each could be assembled in one athlete he would lead all of them.

Berger was among the recruits in the Sox camp at West, Tex., last spring, but reported a bit of a nervous breakdown. He was expected to draw some consideration in the selection of Sox infielders next spring.

Manager Callahan and Owner Comiskey, of the White Sox, are the only managers in the Pacific Coast League last summer he was a whirlwind shortstop, making such a showing that he was recruited by Callahan. Consequently, this young German is expected to draw some consideration in the selection of Sox infielders next spring.

Frederick Johnson, of the American League, still is in the wilds of the Carolina tiling up the schedule of games for next season.

BASEBALL NOTES

Ty Cobb has quit talking about his 1913 contract. Ty is picking the pennant winner for the coming season. He can see anything but the Athletics.

This Speaker led the batmen in both leagues in pulling out doubles—gathering in fifty-three.

Chief Wilson, of the Pirates, headed the list of three-cushion swatters. The chief garnered in thirty-six swats good for three pillows.

Some of the greatest home run hitters—Ping Bodie, of the Sox; Cactus Cravath, of the Phillies; and Hank Perry, of the Tigers. Oh, yes, they were great circuit smashers back in the bushes.

"I may have a second division team. I know I have got one, but I've got to wait and see."

Hughie says he can't choose between Ed Walsh and Walter Johnson. He says he doesn't know which is the greater pitcher, but just give him both.

"I'd wish nothing worse to my worst enemy," says Mrs. Britton, "than that she own a ball club."

Steve O'Neill is the only survivor of the Naps' 1912 catching staff. He will have three backstops to help him handle the Cleveland pitchers next season—Carson, Land, and Pette.

Joe Birmingham, manager of the Nats, had a great change of fortune in a year. He started the 1912 season as a mere substitute outfielder and ended the campaign as manager of the club.

When Larry Lajoy leaves the game baseball will lose the greatest batsman that ever lived. There is no room for argument about Larry's honor.

Prospectus about a cold winter don't worry Larry McLean, the Cincinnati catcher. Larry can always manage to keep in hot water.

There's a big argument between John and Joe, meaning Evers and Tinker of Chicago and Cincinnati, respectively. For John and Joe were pals on the same club. Now they're to be bitter rivals. John is telling the Chicago scribbles that if he beats out the Reds he'll be satisfied, and Joe is whispering the same words to the Cincy writers.

Charles Ebbetts signed Jake Daubert for 1914, 1915, and then told the Nats he had a great change of fortune in a year. He started the 1912 season as a mere substitute outfielder and ended the campaign as manager of the club.

TIERNAN BANISHED IN BUT ONE GAME

"Silent Mike" Is Now in New York and Owns a Cafe. Ranked With Greatest Baseball Players of the Age.

Silent Mike Tiernan is well remembered by many a pitcher of the 90's and 90's, as well as by right fielders of the same period, and by thousands of fans whose idol he was.

It is recorded that the ball players' good book that Silent Mike was banished from the game but once in his long career, and then he was the goat—the brilliant Buck Ewing rasping the umpire, who believed Mike was guilty.

Tiernan was just such a batter as Sam Thompson and Dan Brubaker. He was one of the select few credited with driving the ball over the right field fence at Exposition Park, Philadelphia.

Thinking of Tiernan, the fan's mind reverts to that great company of which Captain Anson, Roger Connor, John M. Ward, Hans O'Day, Tim Keefe, Kid Nichols, Buck Ewing, and an ex-Bennett were members. He was one of the famous New York team under John Ward in 1888 and 1889.

To New York Now.

Tiernan is living in "Little Old New York." He owns a modest cafe and lives quietly on West Thirty-fifth street.

Tiernan was born in Trenton, N. J., January 21, 1867. He played his first professional baseball with Williamport in 1884, and the next year went to Trenton. Jersey City had him in 1886 and he joined the New York club in 1887, remaining eleven years. He quit the game in 1898.

In addition to being a terrific hitter, most dangerous in a pinch, Tiernan was a grand outfielder. When in 1898 he batted .34 and .33, respectively. Tiernan thinks the game is faster today than when he played. He picks fastballs and just about everything else and "Buck" Ewing as the most wonderful of players.

Tiernan made the longest hit recorded in his time, and for years afterward. It is a question whether it has ever been beaten. He did it in a pinch, off the delivery of one of the greatest pitchers that ever faced a batter—"Kid" Nichols.

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Has white title.

It is ridiculous to call the winner of the battle in Vernon yesterday "heavyweight champion," simply because John is barred from appearing anywhere but in France, and writers are agreed on forgetting him, his title does not matter. He is still world's heavyweight champion.

Griff's contracts.

Manager Griffith should have little trouble with his contracts. He uniformly treats his players with all due consideration, and it is not expected that there will be any holdouts here. And, there should be of considerable assistance to the Climbers next season. Disgruntled players seldom play their best.

Huggins' future.

Miller Huggins' future as manager of the Cardinals promises to be stormy enough without his deliberately making trouble. He has signed Larry McLean, the Reds' troublemaker for years. Huggins must be a brave little fellow to undertake a task where so many others have failed.

Withington's case.

The national authorities of the A. A. U. will decide Paul Withington's status as an amateur. It is charged that he has professionalized himself by coaching Harvard's football and swimming teams while being paid as assistant graduate treasurer. The college world awaits the decision anxiously, for Charlie pricks his case may follow in the same way.

Cubs on the wagon.

Murphy's Cubs are riding serene upon the water wagon today, that is to all intents and purposes. Murphy's ironclad rule in forcing his men to take the pledge to be kept until the close of the season is going to last about two months. Then wait for the grand blow-off. Such a rule is one that will get Murphy into the worst sort of trouble.

with the player, who will probably be sick and tired of the fines to be levied.

Dunn has team.

Jack Dunn's controversy with Rube Vickers anent the salary question draws attention to the fact that if the Orioles manager can start the season with a good pitching staff he will be in a fair way to have a good club which should stand high in the race.

Thorpe to play.

On Saturday at Philadelphia Glenn Warner's Indians will play the University of Pennsylvania in the only basketball game the Indians will play during the season. Warner is more than anxious to win, and Jim Thorpe will show just what he is able to do on the floor as center on the Indian team. Reports say he is just as good at basketball as in everything else.

Washington A. A. quiet.

The fact that several athletes representing the Washington A. A. entered Georgetown, and are to compete for the Blue and Gray this season seems to have taken the steam out of the new institution. Such setbacks are bound to happen. The team should be gotten out in preparation for the coming season. Even though a killing cannot be made there is every chance of developing new men.

And Then He Left Atlanta

An umpire whose name shall not be mentioned secured a position once upon a time in the Southern League. He opened in Atlanta. From the start he appeared to the fans as though he was favoring the visiting club. The fans went right after him from the first decision that they did not like, and by the time the sixth inning came around he was being called names that were unusual even in Georgia. Finally the arbitrator got mad and, after calling time, turned to the grandstand and yelled: "There are just two real men that ever struck this town." "Who are they, neighbor?" called out a fan. "Myself and General Sherman," replied the umpire. Then he left Atlanta.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM ATTRACTS CROWD AT Y. M. C. A. OPEN HOUSE

Swimming, Basketball, and Volleyball Feature New Year Celebration.

With swimming matches and basketball games featuring the New Year celebration of the Y. M. C. A., it is estimated today that 2,500 people took part in the holiday program at the association during the "open house."

This crowd is thought to break all records of former years at the annual celebration.

In the swimming events the honors easily went to Hamman, Brunner, Hanson, Rutherford, and Anselmy, who were first places in their specialties. The Bachelors, composed of Cutts, Miller, Knight and Elison, took the relay race from the Married Men.

An exhibition twenty-five-yard swim was given by Zippel, Ellison, Karick, Smith, Bennett, and Shetler, and an exhibition 25-yard swim by Miller, Birney, Krogestad, and Burch.

C. Edward Beckett, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., was starter of the meet; Nils G. Hansen, assistant physical director and coach of the club, was clerk of the course and scorer. The timers were D. C. Crane, W. C. Chalcher, and Charles Orme, while John Meany, John Early, and Gardner Orme were inspectors and judges.

The Invincibles took the exhibition basketball game from the Hustlers by a 22 to 13 score. The teams were made up of players from the representative Y. M. C. A. team, and the game was close, the score indicating.

The Fort Myers five by 75 to 14, easily getting the better of the visitors from the angles of the game. In the volleyball game Captain Henson's team defeated Captain Tenny's team by 21 to 18.

Intercity Bowling to Be Decided This Week

Representatives from the Richmond bowling clubs whose object is the establishment of an intercity bowling league will be in this city tomorrow or Friday to take up the plans of organization of an intercity league.

It is more than likely that a series of games will be played in each city in which representatives will be selected to engage in a series. This series is expected to bring out some good talent and after teams are selected a series of games will be played.

Another Outlaw League Planned for This Year

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Another outlaw league is being planned for the coming season, and is said to be a certainty. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Cleveland make up the circuit. Plenty of money is behind the movement and it is sure to go.

Stange Chooses.

During the coming season Oscar Stange, veteran catcher of the Tigers, will choose the man to do the twirling every day, according to reports.

Dunn Praises.

Manager Jack Dunn, of Baltimore, says that Catcher Schang, who was drafted by the Athletics, is the greatest kid backstop he ever saw.

SCOUTS ASSIST TO STRENGTHEN CLUBS

Agents Unearth Greatest Players of Game and Are of Value to Little Teams in Small Leagues in Financial Way.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Baseball scouts are a comparatively new institution in the national game, and without doubt they have been of great assistance in strengthening big league teams and in bringing into the limelight star players, who otherwise might never have been heard of in their immediate neighborhood.

It was due to a scout that Ty Cobb was unearthed down in Georgia, and that grand player is only one of the many who owe their present reputations to the argus-eyed sleuths, who roamed the country from one end to the other in search of talent, that promised to become big league timber.

The "discovery" of Cobb, in fact, was the incentive that caused other clubs than the Detroit organization to send out "agents" in the hope that another Cobb would be the reward of all the expense that was incurred by the new venture.

Soon there was a swarm of embryo Christopher Columbuses, who penetrated into the most distant backwoods districts in their endeavors to dig up phenoms.

Managers of clubs were swamped with applications for jobs as scouts, and in their desire to duplicate the good fortune of the Detroit club, managers took all kinds of chances and engaged men as scouts who were absolutely useless as account of their ignorance of baseball and the qualifications required that produce a real ball player.

The scouts would see a man perform in one game, and if the latter happened to have a good throw on a particular occasion the telegraph wires would be set on fire to headquarters to secure the man.

The scout system has been a great boon to wobbling little clubs run by village barbers—the town baseball fan—and visiting scouts grew fat on the hospitality shown them, with free shaves thrown in. The vanguard of the sleuths consequently lived on the fat of the land and counted their success in quantity rather than quality.

But not so the clubs who were obliged to pay for the freight for the "junk" shipped to them by their too ambitious agents. The latter were spurred on to their sublime heights of discovery by rivalry.

Frequently several scouts would meet accidentally in the same town at the same time and professional jealousy would overcome their crude judgment and players would be recommended that were of no more promise as possible "comers" than Charley Faust.

"Agents" Called In.

Occasionally some sleuth would be fortunate enough in his blind stab into the "phenom" grab bag to get a prize, but the big league clubs, that finally the big league clubs, for their own protection, were forced to call in the "agents" for a call down so that gradually the barber shop element among the scouts was eliminated and the present system adopted that brought into the scouting field old ball players who, by their experience of the game and knowledge of the players make players valuable even if they do not make good in digging up embryo Cobbs.

There is no haphazard way now of selecting a player recruit. The veteran player now acting as scout is instructed to remain with one club in which the youngster is playing, until he is absolutely sure of the youngster's ability and then to make his report.

Scout McMahon, the old Baltimore Oriole pitcher, who was scouting for the Giants, stayed with the Ulicks (N. Y. club) for over a month before he was satisfied that young Burns was good enough to become a Giant. That Burns is to be given a chance in the Giants' outfield, according to McGraw, is evidence enough that McMahon's thorough investigation was valuable.

It is, therefore, the only proper move for any club engaging a scout, to select an old ball player for the important job. They cannot all be so successful.

Would Make Good.

Jack Kleinow, the favorite old catcher of the Yankees, who is now living in the city, would make a model scout for some club. Jack has been a close observer of young players and has developed several star pitchers. He knows a player when he sees one, and that is half the battle. Jack has been in close touch with baseball, too, right up to date.

There are several other old-time players now residing here who deserve consideration when the scout question is being taken up by managers. They can do the work the right way.

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GEORGETOWN WILL HAVE THREE STARS IN GOTHAM'S MEET

Low, Eller and Gallagher Compete in Junior Championships.

Georgetown will have three athletes in the junior championships of the Metropolitan district in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory tomorrow night. Marshall Low leaves today for the big city, where he will join Bob Eller, captain and all-around star of the Hilltoppers track team, and Johnny Gallagher, the distance runner. All three are entered in the games and are expected to land a few prizes.

Low holds the Cornell Intercollegiate high jump mark, topping the bar at six feet. He is also champion high jumper of the Middle States, with a mark of five feet eleven inches, and titmouse of the South Atlantic section.

Eller's work is too well known to need repeating. He is the greatest individual track star ever at the Hilltop. He is entered in the dash, the hundred, and the shot.

Gallagher performed for Yale last year, competing in the Swedish Olympic Marathon as a representative of the United States. He is now a student at Georgetown, and is expected to win many prizes this season in distance events.

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Come on in - the tobacco's fine!

YOU CAN CURE AN OLD SORE BUT NOT WITH SALVES

Every old sore can be cured unless it be of a malignant cancerous nature. But no chronic ulcer can be cured by the application of salves or other external treatment. You must get down to the origin and cause before you can produce curative effects. Bad blood is responsible for old sores, and the one certain cure, therefore, is a thorough purification and rebuilding of the circulation. As long as impurities are left in the blood they will be deposited into the ulcer to keep up the inflammation and irritation, a nature can make no progress toward healing the place. Nothing is so sure to produce a cure of old sores as S. S. S. This is nature's perfect blood remedy, composed of the most healing and at the same time the most penetrating and blood-purifying properties. It removes every particle of morbid matter from the circulation and assists nature to increase the healthful, nutritious corpuscles of the blood. S. S. S. makes pure blood, and pure blood is nature's unfailing cure for old sores. Book on Sores and Ulcers and any medical advice free.

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